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Asst. Director for Collection and
Dissemination

Asst. Director for Operations

Ad Hoc Committee on Industrial Card File

1. The importance of the accurate compilation of industrial information on ICF cards is recognized by all agencies participating in the project. During a recent visit to the European Command, the Chief, Foreign Documents Branch, CIA, discovered that there was considerable confusion among recipient units, which also contribute material through their respective departments, in regard to the preparation and maintenance of these cards. Further investigation upon his return to Washington has convinced him of the need for coordination and some guidance program for both the using and contributing agencies.

2. It is requested that the participating agencies be asked to name representatives for an ad hoc committee to consider this problem on the working level and to suggest remedial action. Such a committee existed during the period of inception and development of the project by the Intelligence Division, GSUSA, but has been inactive for some time. The following individuals, who are or were familiar with the ICF system as used in their respective agencies or branches, are suggested by the Chief, Foreign Documents Branch as possible members of the reactivated committee:

Mr. J. D. Coker, Strategic Vulnerability Branch, A-2, Room 3D186, Pentagon

Mr. A. M. Wiedemann, Division of Research for Europe, OIR, State Department

Mr. W. E. Lexow, Eastern European Section, Foreign Branch, ONI

Mr. J. R. Vogler, Engineer Research Section, Army Map Service, C/E

Lt. Col. R. E. Coffin, GSUSA, Eurasian Branch, ID, Room 2F741, Pentagon

Major H. R. Gilmore, Deputy Chief, Economics Div., Logistics Br., ID, Pentagon

Final determination of departmental representation will, of course, be made by the agencies concerned.

3. It is suggested that this committee meet under the joint chairmanship of the Foreign Industrial Register, OCD and Foreign Documents Branch, OO.

Representatives from ORR should be included in the membership, and [redacted] have been mentioned as having been particularly interested in ICF problems.

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